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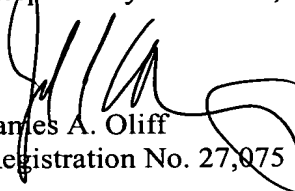
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- ☒ 2. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 3. Computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-3.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	JP A 2000-109243 (with abstract and translation)	04/18/2000	Japan		
	2	JP B2 2959193 (with abstract and translation)	07/30/1999	Japan		
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